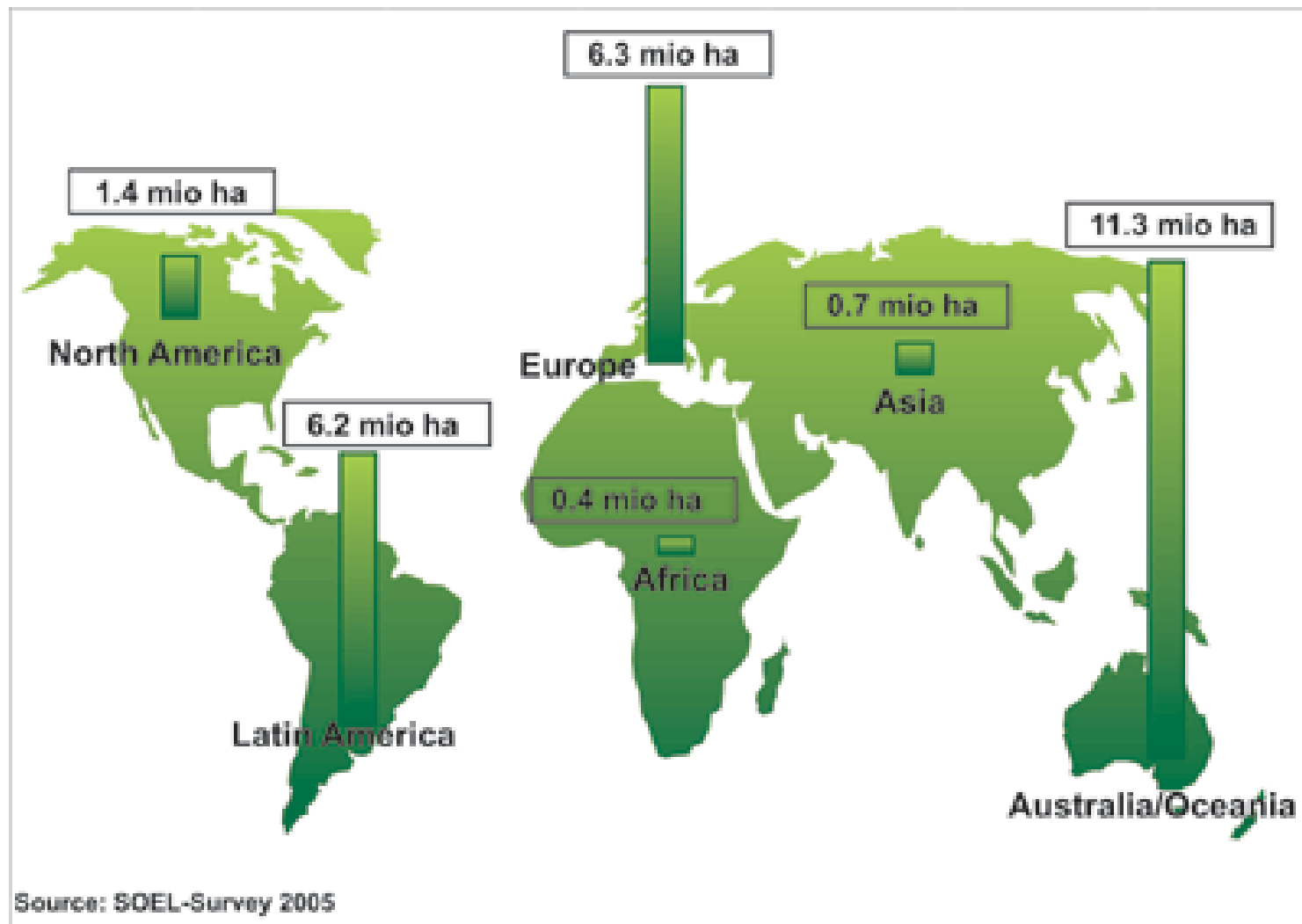


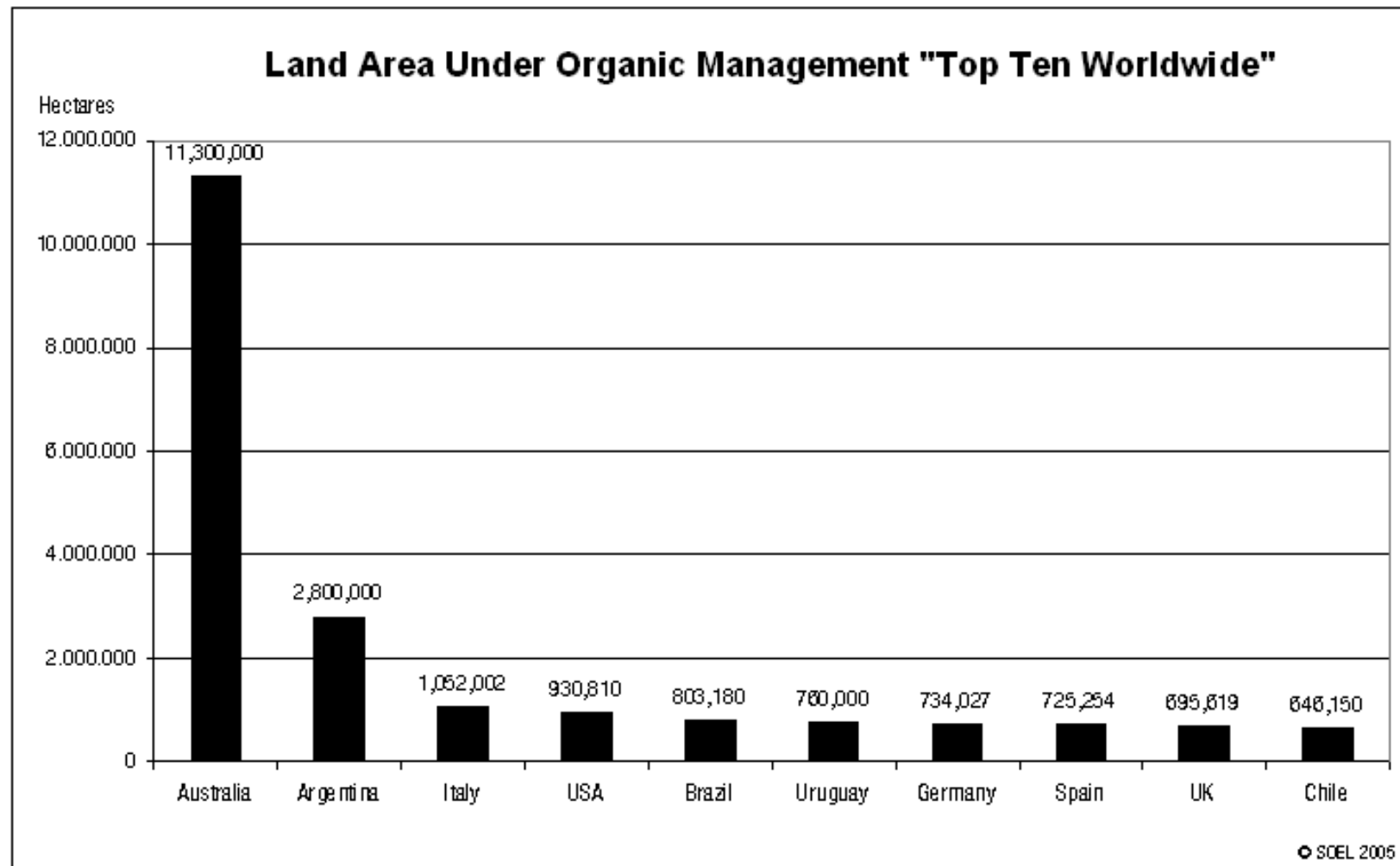
# Continued growth in Europe: Current trends in organic production

- Helga Willer, Research Institute of Organic Agriculture (FiBL)
- Presentation prepared for the BioFach Congress, 24.2.2010  
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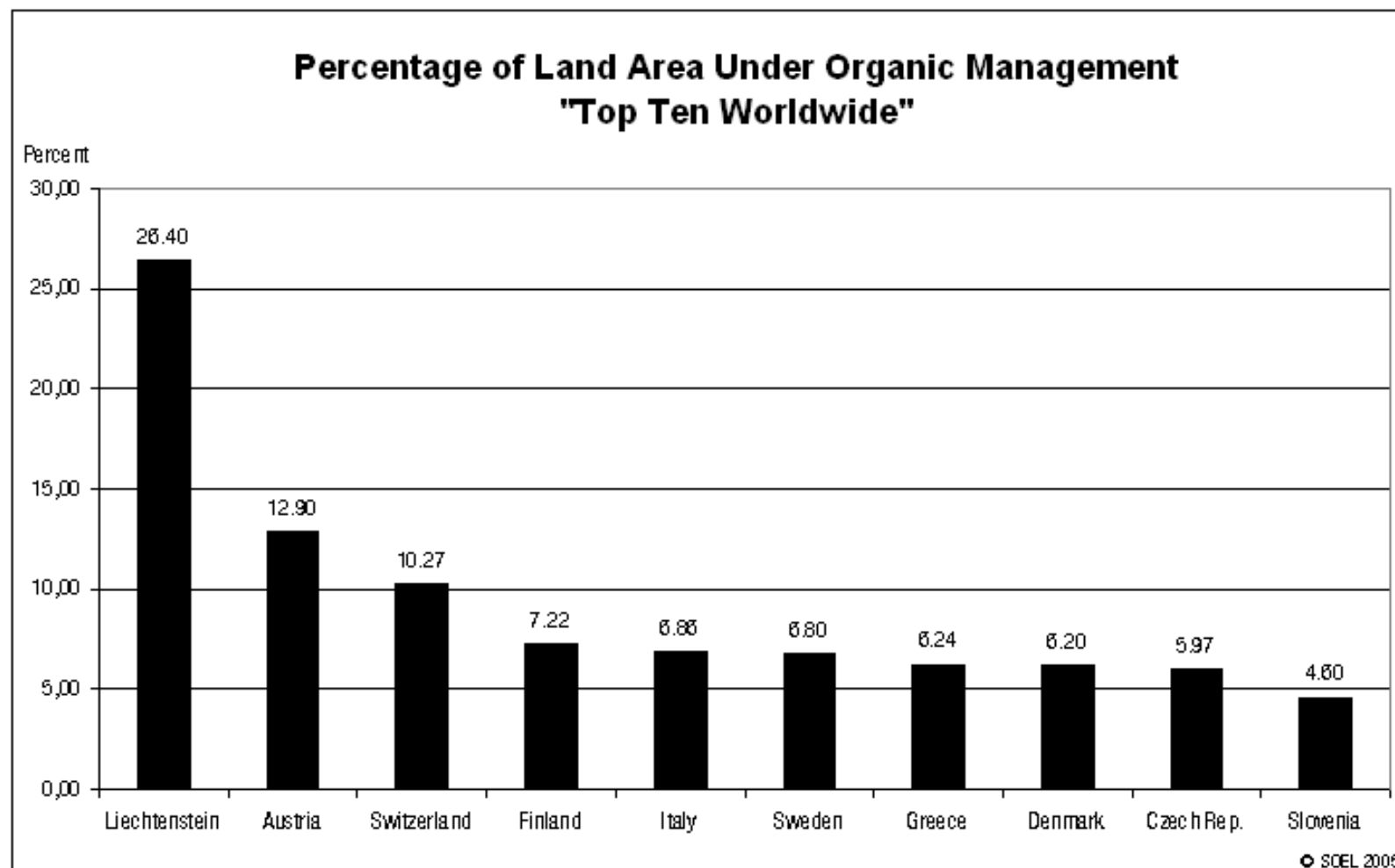
## Global Organic Agriculture: More than 26 million hectares



# The ten countries with the highest area under organic management

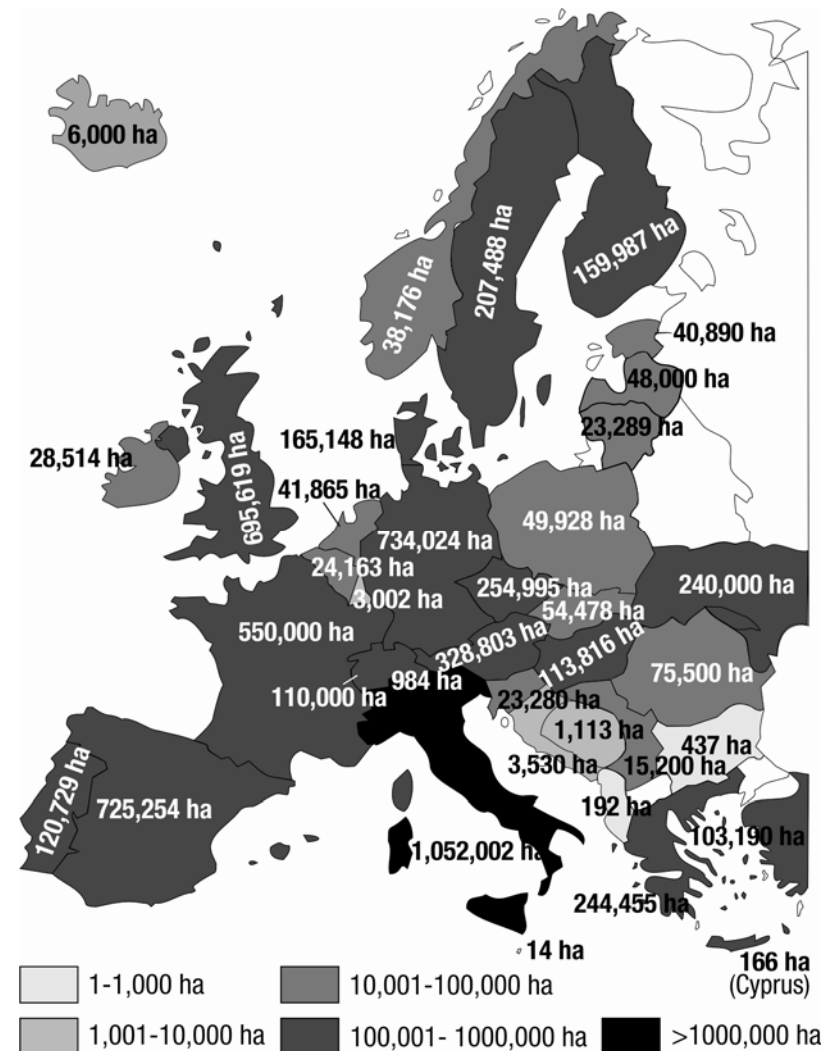


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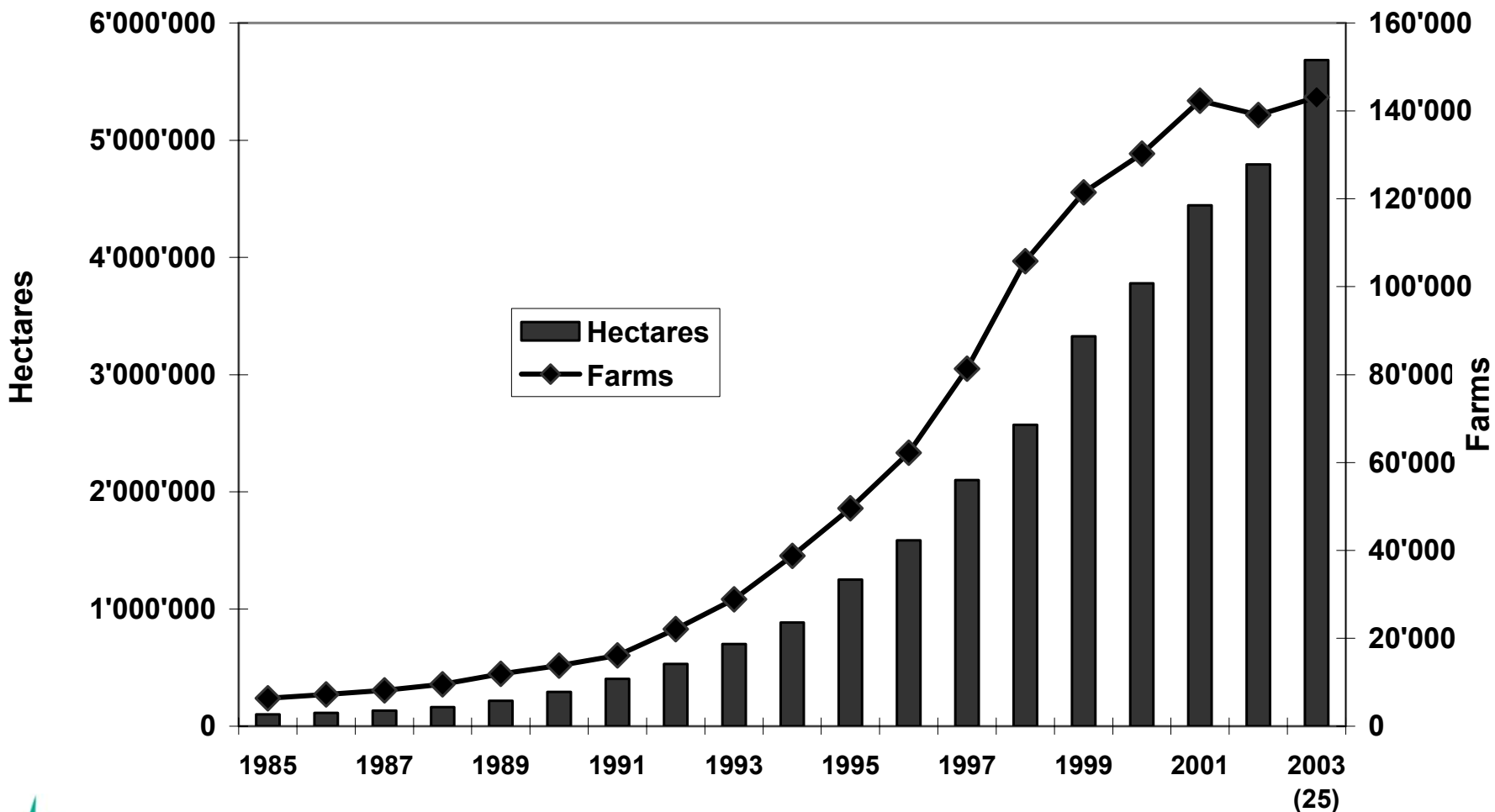


# Europe

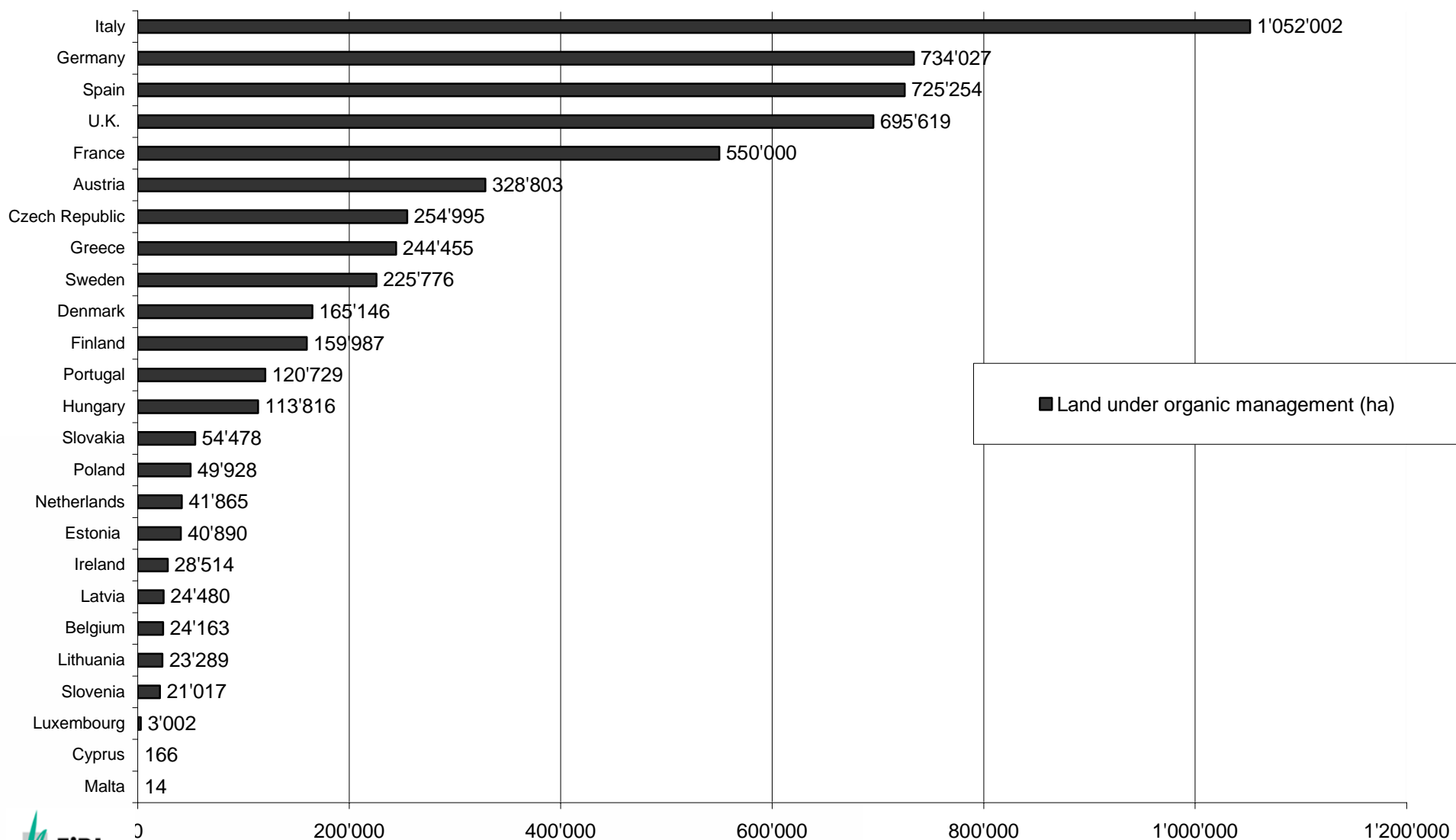
- **Europe**  
6.3 million hectares, 170'000 farms
- **EU (25) and EFTA; 31.12.2003**  
5.8 million hectares, 151'000 farms
- **European Union (25); 31.12.2003**  
5.6 Million Hectares (=3.4 % of the UAA)  
Some 142 000 Farms (1.5 % of all farms)
- **Reasons for Growth**
  - EU-Enlargement
  - Market Growth
  - Commitment of the private organic sector
  - Increased research activities
  - Action Plans & and other policy support



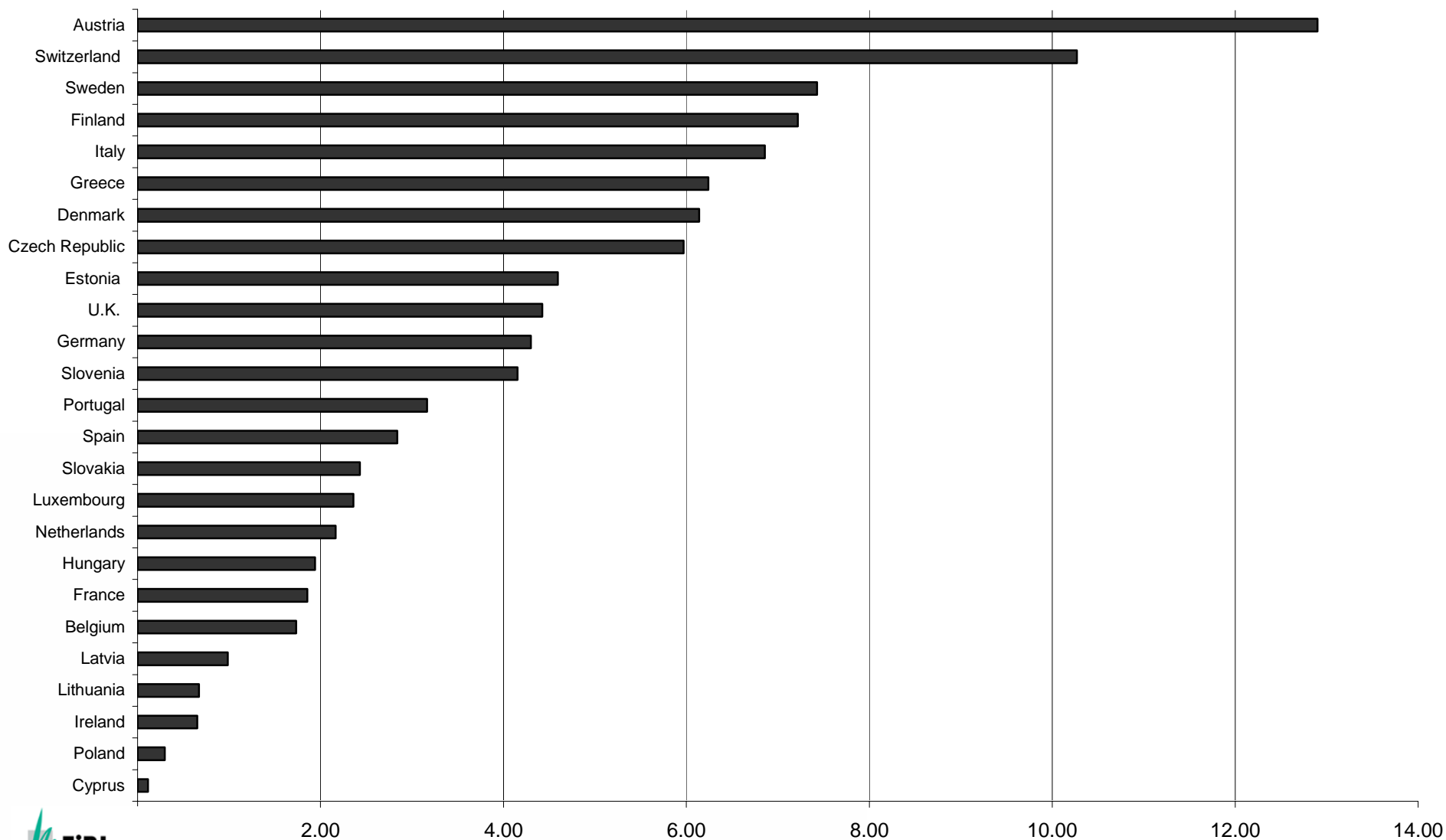
# Development of organic farming in the EU (1985-2003)



# Organically managed area in the EU and CH, 31.12.2003



# Share of the Organic Area of the Agricultural Land (EU&CH; 31.12.2003)





# Changes 31.12.2002 - 31.12.2003

	<b>2002</b> <b>(Mio. hectares)</b>	<b>2003</b> <b>(Mio. hectares)</b>	<b>+/- (%)</b>
<b>European Union</b>	<b>Ca. 4.9 (EU 15)</b>	<b>Ca. 5.6 (EU 25) Ca. 5.1 (EU 15)</b>	<b>+14%(EU15→25) + 5 % (EU 15)</b>
Italy	1.168	1.052	-9.9
Spain	0.665	0.725	9.0
Slovakia	0.049	0.054	10.2
Germany	0.696	0.734	5.5
Switzerland	0.107	0.110	2.8

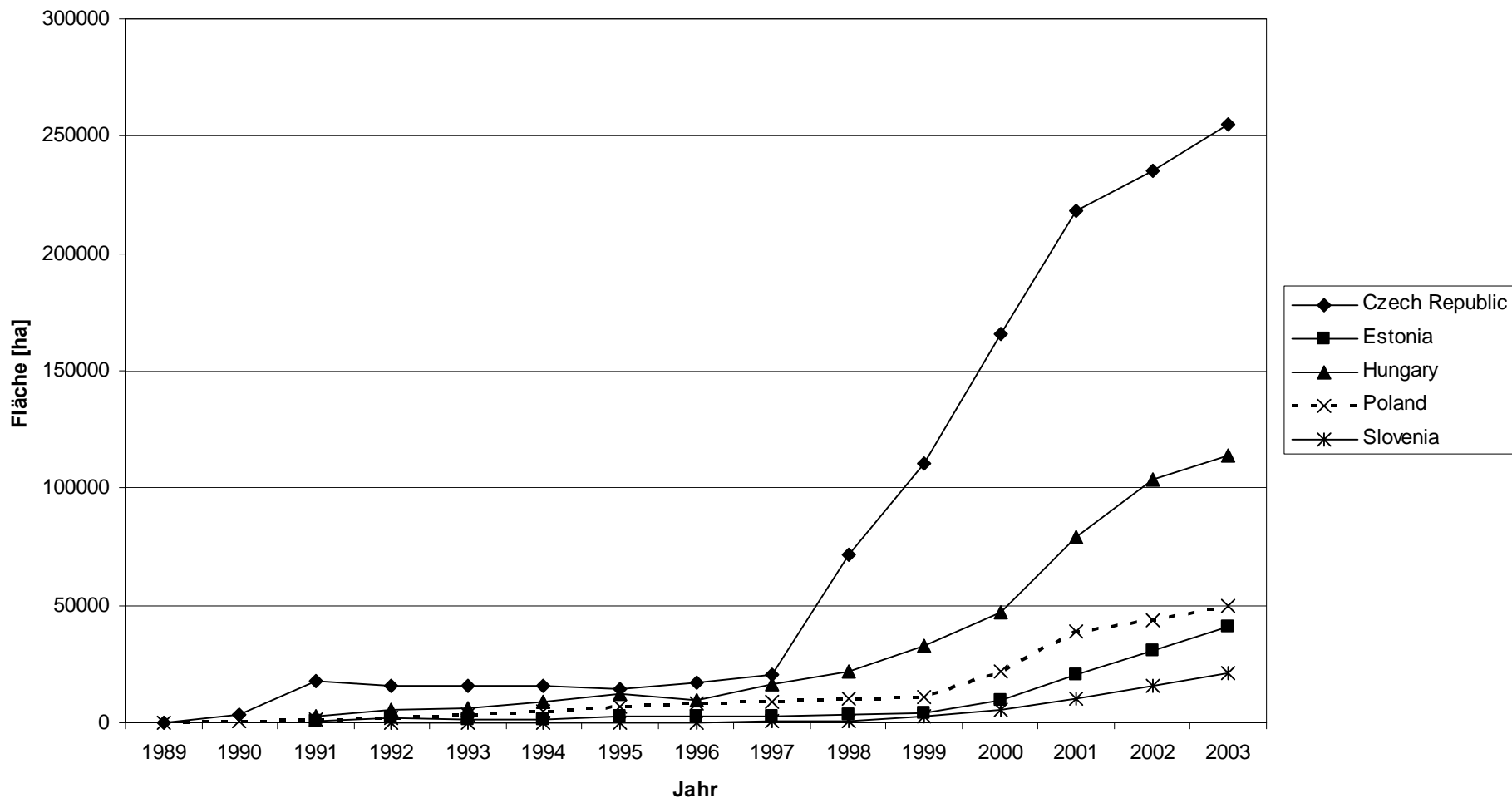
# New member states

- **EU Regulation 2092/91 fully implemented**
- **Imports & exports into / from other European countries now possible**
- **Better area based support for organic farming, doubling in the case of Poland**
- **Action Plans in the Czech Republic and in Estonia**



# Development of the Organic Area in selected CEE countries

Entwicklung der Biofläche in ausgewählten MOEL



# Expected Growth Rates in some CEE countries 2003 -2004

	2003		2004 (prov.)		+/-
	<i>ha</i>	%	<i>ha</i>	%	
<b>Poland</b>	<b>49'928</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>75'000</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>50 %</b>
<b>Lithuania</b>	<b>23'289</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>42'000</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>80 %</b>
<b>Latvia</b>	<b>24'480</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>48'000</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>96 %</b>
<b>Slovakia</b>	<b>54'478</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>60'000</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>10 %</b>

# Outlook

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- Organic farming is continuing to expand, particularly in the new member states, due to policy support and a growing market
- Experts do not think, however, that growth in the new member states will have an immediate impact on the organic sector in the „old“ EU
- Reduction of area based payments may slow down or invert growth in some parts of Europe, particularly in regions where farms are not producing for the market (Italy)

# FiBL Press Release on Organic Farming in Europe

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